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Speech in S.F.

Chief Vows New Course

Central Intelligence Agency director Stansfield Turner said here yesterday the CIA has steered a new course more in conformity with the nation's ethical norms.

Under a reorganization plan pushed by President Carter, he said, the nation's intelligence community is being overseen by a three-member watchdog committee that has immediate access to Carter.

Turner conceded that its new concern with moral scruples puts the CIA at a disadvantage with foreign rivals who play rough.

"But I would not trade our position in any way," he said.

Turner discussed the agency's ethical role in a speech at the Commonwealth Club before more than 450 people.

At a press conference, Turner again-

claimed the CIA got out of the business of running brothels a long time ago and doesn't intend to get into the trade again.

"Zero," he said when asked how many whorehouses the agency is operating these days.

The question came up as a result of revelations that the CIA ran a brothel in San Francisco more than a dozen years ago in the interests of science.

According to documents found in CIA archives and made public Wednesday in Washington, the agency wanted to study the effects of drugs, such as LSD, which were given to brothel patrons without their knowledge.

"I can assure all of you that this activity is not and will not be tolerated in our intelligence operations," said Turner, who added he found the practices "abhorrent."